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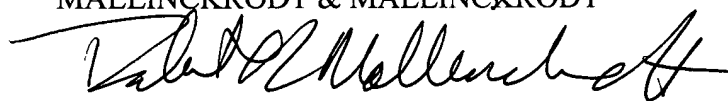
Sir:

Applicant requests that the above-mentioned application be made special and advanced out of turn for examination under the terms of 37 C.F.R. 102 because of Applicant's advanced age. 37 C.F.R. 102, as interpreted at M.P.E.P. 708.02 (IV) states that no additional fee is due for this Petition to Make Special, because Applicant is of 65 years of age or more.

Enclosed please find Applicant's Declaration, as required by M.P.E.P. 708.02 (IV) that he was born on September 21, 1933, and is now 69 years of age.

Respectfully,

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